Coexistence of Superconductivity and Magnetism in $FeSe_{1-x}$ under Pressure

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An extended investigation of the electronic phase diagram of FeSe_{1-x} up to pressures of $p \simeq 2.4\,\text{GPa}$ by means of ac and dc magnetization, zero field muon spin rotation (ZF μ SR), and neutron diffraction is presented. ZF μ SR indicates that at pressures $p \geq 0.8\,\text{GPa}$ static magnetic order occurs in FeSe_{1-x} and occupies the full sample volume for $p \gtrsim 1.2\,\text{GPa}$. ac magnetization measurements reveal that the superconducting volume fraction stays close to 100% up to the highest pressure investigated. In addition, above $p \geq 1.2\,\text{GPa}$ both the superconducting transition temperature T_c and the magnetic ordering temperature T_N increase simultaneously, and both superconductivity and magnetism are stabilized with increasing pressure. Calculations indicate only one possible muon stopping site in FeSe_{1-x} , located on the line connecting the Se atoms along the c-direction. Different magnetic structures are proposed and checked by combining the muon stopping calculations with a symmetry analysis, leading to a similar structure as in the LaFeAsO family of Fe-based superconductors. Furthermore, it is shown that the magnetic moment is pressure dependent and with a rather small value of $\mu \approx 0.2\,\mu_B$ at $p \simeq 2.4\,\text{GPa}$.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Shortly after the discovery of superconductivity in the Fe-based compound LaFeAs $O_{1-x}F_y$ in 2008 by Kamihara et al., Hsu et al. observed superconductivity in the basic binary compound $FeSe_{1-x}$. This simple system shares the superconducting layers consisting of a Fe square planar sheet tetrahedrally coordinated by As/P or Se/Te atoms as a common feature with all of the Febased superconductors. Most of the known Fe-based superconductors are made up of a stack of the electronically active layers, separated by layers that act as a charge reservoir to dope the Fe-As/Se layers. FeSe_{1-x} is an exception to that rule because it consists of a stack of superconducting layers only. In this binary system the superconducting transition temperature is $T_c \simeq 8 \,\mathrm{K}$. Thus, it could be argued that this is more a conventional superconductor.² Shortly after, the electronic and magnetic phase diagram under pressure was studied.^{3,4} It was found that the transition temperature exhibits one of the largest pressure effects on $T_{\rm c}$ known. It reaches values of $T_{\rm c} \approx 37\,{\rm K}$ at $p \approx 9\,{\rm GPa}$, demonstrating that ${\rm FeSe}_{1-x}$ in fact is a high temperature superconductor. Furthermore, it was found that tetragonal $FeSe_{1-x}$ undergoes a structural phase transition starting at $p \sim 9$ GPa from a tetragonal to a hexagonal, non-superconducting and more densely packed phase. With increasing pressure the volume fraction of the tetragonal phase as well as T_c decrease until at high pressures $(p \ge 20 \,\mathrm{GPa})$ only the non-superconducting hexagonal phase is present.⁴ Early muon spin rotation (μ SR) experiments on FeSe_{1-x} revealed that the system is non-magnetic at ambient pressure down to $T = 0.02 \,\mathrm{K}^{5}$ The investigation of the

pressure dependence also did not show magnetic order in the beginning up to the highest pressures, just before the structural phase transition occurs.³ This is in striking contrast to the other Fe-based superconductors that usually exhibit static magnetic order in the parent compound. This is unexpected, since the $FeSe_{1-x}$ layers are isoelectric to those of the parent compounds of other Fe-based superconductors. 6 Shortly after, however, NMR studies showed a wipeout of the signal that revealed an incipient magnetic phase transition under pressure.⁷ This possibly may be interpreted as static magnetic order with a broad field distribution or as slow spin fluctuations, since no magnetic order was observed by μSR at ambient pressure. It seems that both the magnetic and the superconducting states stabilize with increasing pressure. In fact, static magnetic ordering was observed above $p \sim 0.8 \,\mathrm{GPa}$ by means of $\mu\mathrm{SR.^8}$ The experiments revealed that as soon as magnetic ordering occurs, the magnetic and the superconducting states seem to compete with each other. This is because the incommensurate magnetic order gets suppressed when superconductivity sets in and, in addition, T_c decreases in the pressure region $0.8 \le p \le 1.2 \,\text{GPa}$. Above $p \simeq 1.2 \,\text{GPa}$ both ground states apparently coexist on an atomic length scale. Both the magnetic ordering temperature $T_{\rm N}$ and $T_{\rm c}$ increase simultaneously with increasing pressure, and the magnetic order becomes commensurate.⁸

In this paper an extended study of the electronic and magnetic properties of FeSe_{1-x} under pressure investigated by means of ac susceptibility and μSR is presented. In addition, magnetic structures of FeSe_{1-x} under pressure are proposed and checked by neutron diffraction measurements. The magnetic moment in the ordered

state is estimated for different pressures. Furthermore, the discrepancy between Mössbauer³ and μ SR results⁸ is discussed under the aspect that the samples used in each study were prepared by slightly different methods.^{9,10}

II. SAMPLES

The $FeSe_{1-x}$ samples were prepared following the procedures described in Refs. 9 and 10. In both methods the samples are placed in sealed silica tubes and are prepared in two steps. In the first step Pomjakushina et al. used selenium and iron powders as starting materials and synthe sized $FeSe_{1-x}$ in a solid state reaction at temperatures ranging from $400 - 700^{\circ}$ C. After powderizing the samples in He-atmosphere, they were reannealed at 700 °C, then the temperature was stabilized at 420 °C, and finally they were cooled slowly to room temperature. McQueen et al., 10 on the other hand, used shots of selenium iron pieces. They were molten at 1075 °C, powderized and annealed again at $T \sim 400\,^{\circ}\text{C}$. However, the main difference of the two procedures is that the samples prepared by the method of McQueen et al.¹⁰ are quenched from $\sim 400\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ to $\sim -15\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$, whereas the samples prepared after Pomjakushina et al. 9 are cooled slowly from $\sim 400\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ to room temperature. Here, the specimens are denoted as FeSe_{0.98} for the slowly cooled ones, and ^QFeSe_{0.98} for the quenched ones. All samples were found to be phase pure with a superconducting transition temperature of $T_{\rm c} \simeq 8 \, {\rm K}$. In fact, the transitions to the superconducting state is for both preparation procedures very similar (see Fig. 1a).¹¹

III. SUPERCONDUCTING PROPERTIES

The superconducting properties of $FeSe_{1-x}$ were studied by means of ac and dc magnetization measurements (Fig. 1). The zero field cooled dc measurements, preformed in a commercial Quantum Design MPMS SQUID 7 T magnetomenter in $\mu_0H=0.2\,\mathrm{mT}$, revealed $T_\mathrm{c}\simeq 8\,\mathrm{K}$ for both FeSe_{0.98} and $^Q\mathrm{FeSe}_{0.98}$. The ac magnetization measurements under pressure were performed in a home made ac susceptometer in piston-cylinder pressure cells, especially designed for μSR experiments. The ac amplitude was $\mu_0 H_{\rm ac} \approx 0.1\,\mathrm{mT}$ and the frequency was $\nu_{\rm ac} = 94 \, \rm Hz$. As a pressure transmitting medium 7373 Daphne oil was used. The pressure applied was measured in situ by monitoring the shift of T_c of Pb or/and In. To ensure that the position of the sample in the cell is the same for all pressures investigated the pick up and excitation coils were directly wound on the pressure cell. Additional ac magnetization measurements were performed to check whether the ac signal under pressure was entirely determined by the bulk Meissner response of each grain. Thus, other effects like e.g. weak links between the individual grains or surface superconductivity can be excluded. This was done on a commercial Quantum De-

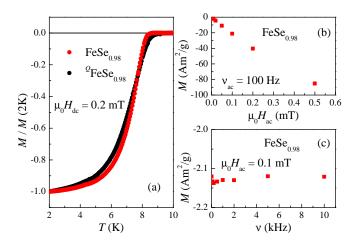


FIG. 1: (color online) (a) Temperature dependence of the normalized magnetization $M/M(2\,\mathrm{K})$ for FeSe_{0.98} and Q FeSe_{0.98} (see text for details on sample notation) at $p=0\,\mathrm{GPa}$. The transition temperature T_c of both samples, obtained by the intersection of straight lines fit to the data above and below the transition is $\simeq 8\,\mathrm{K}$. The shapes of the magnetization curves for the two samples are very similar. (b) Dependence of the ac magnetization M_ac on the ac field amplitude $\mu_0 H_\mathrm{ac}$ at a fixed frequency $\nu_\mathrm{ac} = 100\,\mathrm{Hz}$ (c) and the ac frequency ν_ac at a fixed ac field amplitude $\mu_0 H_\mathrm{ac} = 0.1\,\mathrm{mT}$.

sign PPMS in various fields ($0 \ge \mu_0 H_{\rm AC} \ge 0.5 \, {\rm mT}$) and frequencies ($0 \ge \nu \ge 599 \, {\rm Hz}$). As shown in Fig. 1b and c the experiments reveal that the ac magnetization scales linearly with the field and is independent of frequency as expected for a superconductor in the Meissner state.

The superconducting transition temperature of FeSe_{1-x} (FeSe_{0.98} and Q FeSe_{0.98}) is $T_c \simeq 8\,\mathrm{K}$ at ambient pressure (see Fig. 1). Upon applying hydrostatic pressure FeSe_{1-x} exhibits one of the highest pressure effects known on T_c . The overall increase of T_c is non monotonic and shows a local maximum at $p \simeq 0.8\,\mathrm{GPa}$, followed by a local minimum at $p \simeq 1.2\,\mathrm{GPa}$ (Fig. 2a). This behavior is similar to that already observed earlier both by dc and ac magnetization.^{8,12,13} In the region where T_c decreases static magnetism develops in the sample and competes with superconductivity (see below and Ref. 8). Upon increasing the pressure above $p = 1.2\,\mathrm{GPa}$ the superconducting transition temperature increases again and reaches values of $\sim 16\,\mathrm{K}$ at the highest pressure investigated in this study $(2.4\,\mathrm{GPa})$.

In Fig. 2b the diamagnetic response at $T=6\,\mathrm{K}$ normalized to the value at ambient pressure is shown as a function of pressure. At ambient pressure the value of the measured ac voltage of the samples in the pressure cell is equal to the magnetization of the sample measured in the PPMS magnetomenter without a pressure cell. Thus, the ac voltage in the pressure cell is representing the superconducting response of FeSe_{1-x}. Calculating the susceptibility from the magnetization measurements allows to estimate the superconducting volume fraction. The susceptibility was determined to $\chi_{\rm ac} \simeq 1.3$ (Fig. 1a). By

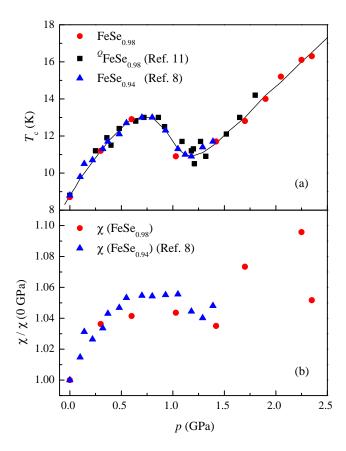


FIG. 2: (color online) (a) Dependence of the superconducting transition temperature T_c on pressure p of FeSe_{1-x}. The line is a guide to the eyes. (b) Pressure p dependence of the ac susceptibility χ normalized to the ambient pressure value $\chi(0\,\mathrm{GPa})$ at $T=6\,\mathrm{K}$, indicating bulk superconductivity for all pressures investigated. See text for details on sample notation.

assuming the samples consist of individual sphere like shaped grains with a demagnetization factor of $n \simeq 1/3$ leads to an ideal diamagnetic response of $\chi = -1$. This indicates that FeSe_{1-x} is a bulk superconductor with a superconducting volume fraction close to 100%. Since the absolute value of the ac response measured at 6 K for each individual pressure is similar, it is concluded that the sample is a bulk superconductor up to the highest pressure investigated.

IV. MAGNETIC PROPERTIES

The magnetic response of FeSe_{1-x} for various pressures was studied by means of zero-field muon spin rotation experiments (ZF μ SR). The experiments were carried out using the μ E1 beam line at the GPD instrument at the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI, Switzerland) at temperatures ranging from 0.25 to 80 K. The μ SR time spectra were analyzed using the free software package MUSRFIT.¹⁴ ZF μ SR is a well known technique to study

magnetically ordered phases where the muon acts as a local magnetic microprobe. Positively charged muons are implanted into the sample where they thermalize after a short time ($< 10^{-13} \, \mathrm{s}$). Once stopped at an interstitial site the muon interacts with its local environment and decays after its lifetime of $\tau_{\mu} = 2.197 \, \mu \mathrm{s}$ into a positron and two neutrinos. The positron is emitted predominantly along the muon spin direction at the time of decay. Thus, by monitoring the time evolution of the muon spin polarization, information on the local magnetic field at the muon stopping site B_{int} and the magnetic volume fraction are obtained.

The μ SR signal in a pressure cell consists of a superposition of two components, one arising from the sample (\mathcal{A}^{S}) and one from the pressure cell (\mathcal{A}^{PC}) :

$$\mathcal{A}(t) = \mathcal{A}^{PC}(t) + \mathcal{A}^{S}(t) \tag{1}$$

In the data analysis the ratio of the component of the pressure cell and the component of the sample $\mathcal{A}^{\rm PC}/\mathcal{A}^{\rm S}$ was kept constant for each individual pressure and was always $\approx 50\,\%$. For the present study two different pressure cells consisting of MP35N and CuBe were used. The ZF response of the empty cells is described elsewhere. ¹⁵

As we reported earlier, ⁸ in the low pressure region, where $T_{\rm c}$ increases linearly with p, no magnetic order is observed in all of the samples. The $\mu{\rm SR}$ time spectra are overlapping for all temperatures, indicating the same magnetic state for all temperatures measured (Fig. 3a and b). The $\mu{\rm SR}$ time spectra were analyzed using a single exponential decay function:

$$\mathcal{A}^{S}(t) = A_0^{S} \exp[-\Lambda_0 t] \tag{2}$$

Here Λ_0 is the Lorentzian depolarization rate. The exponential behavior at low pressures indicates the presence of diluted and randomly distributed and oriented magnetic moments in the sample volume which can be attributed to traces of Fe impurities.⁵

As shown in Fig. 3c and d for $p \gtrsim 0.8$ GPa spontaneous muon-spin precession is observed, reflecting the appearance of static magnetic order below the Néel temperature $T_{\rm N}$. The analysis was made by taking into account that the magnetic order appears gradually: one part of the muons experiences a static local field and the other part stops in non-magnetic regions:

$$\mathcal{A}^{S}(t) = A_0^{S} \left(m \left(\frac{2}{3} f_{\text{osc}} \exp[-\Lambda_t t] + \frac{1}{3} \exp[-\Lambda_l t] \right) + (1 - m) \exp[-\Lambda_0 t] \right)$$
(3)

Here m is the magnetic volume fraction of the sample, $f_{\rm osc}$ represents the magnetic signal of the sample and has, depending on pressure, the form $f_{\rm osc}=\cos(\omega_0 t+\phi_0)$ or $f_{\rm osc}=j_0(\omega_0 t+\phi_0)$, whereas ω_0 is the precession frequency, j_0 is a zeroth-order spherical Bessel function, and ϕ_0 the initial phase of the muon ensemble. The parameters $\Lambda_{\rm t}$ and $\Lambda_{\rm l}$ describe the relaxation transverse and

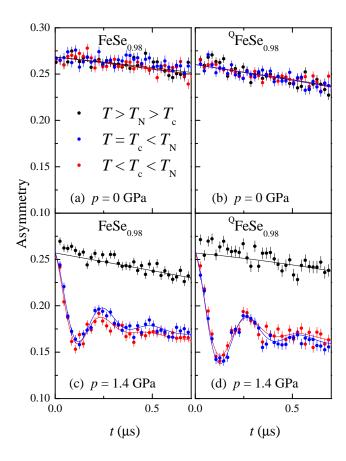


FIG. 3: (color online). Zero-field μ SR time spectra of FeSe_{0.98} for (a) p=0 and (c) p=1.4 GPa, and Q FeSe_{1-x} for (b) p=0 and (d) p=1.4 GPa for different temperatures. The lines are fits of Eq. (1) to the data.

longitudinal to the muon spin of the magnetic signal, respectively.

In the pressure region where $T_{\rm c}$ decreases, both the magnetic and superconducting ground state are competing. This is seen first by the decrease of $T_{\rm c}$ (Fig. 2a) and second by a decrease of the frequency and the magnetic volume fraction m below $T_{\rm c}$ (see Fig. 4a and b, and Ref. 8). In this region the magnetic signal is described best by a Bessel function which indicates the presence of incommensurate magnetic order in the samples. ¹⁶

As shown in Fig. 4 for $p \gtrsim 1.2\,\mathrm{GPa}$ (where the local minimum of T_c is reached) superconductivity and magnetic order coexist in the full sample volume. Here, the magnetic volume fraction reaches 100% and stays constant in the superconducting state down to the lowest temperature where also the superconducting volume fraction remains constant at $\simeq 100\%$ (see Fig. 2). Moreover, B_int is not significantly changing (decreasing) below T_c , and the magnetic order changes from an incommensurate to a commensurate as reflected in the $\mu\mathrm{SR}$ line shape which is described better by a damped cosine function

with zero initial phase than by a Bessel function. This indicates coexistance of superconductivity and magnetism in the full sample voulume.

To determine the zero-temperature value of $B_{\text{int}}(0)$ and T_{N} the temperature dependence of $B_{\text{int}}(T)$ was fitted to the power law expression:

$$B_{\rm int}(T) = B_{\rm int}(0) \left(1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_{\rm N}} \right)^{\alpha} \right)^{\beta}. \tag{4}$$

Here α and β are the power exponents. For the pressure region in which $B_{\rm int}$ decreases in the superconducting state, only the data above $T_{\rm c}$ were used to analyze the data with Eq. (4). The obtained values of $B_{\rm int}(0)$ and $T_{\rm N}$ are plotted in Fig. 5a and b together with the results from earlier studies of FeSe_{0.94} and ^QFeSe_{0.98}. ^{8,11} For all samples $B_{\rm int}(0)$ increases with increasing pressure (see Fig. 5a). As shown in Fig. 5b the Néel temperature increases in parallel from $T_{\rm N}=17\,{\rm K}$ at $p=0.8\,{\rm GPa}$ where magnetism appears in FeSe_{1-x} with increasing pressure to $T_{\rm N}=55\,{\rm K}$ at the maximum pressure $p\simeq 2.4\,{\rm GPa}$ investigated here. No tendency for a saturation at high pressures of both $B_{\rm int}(0)$ and $T_{\rm N}$ is observed.

Unlike the μSR experiments presented here, an earlier Mössbauer study did not reveal magnetic order under pressure in $FeSe_{1-x}$.³ However, the samples used in this study were prepared after the method proposed by McQueen et al. 10 As mentioned already above, samples denoted as ${}^{Q}\text{FeSe}_{1-x}$ were prepared following exactly the recipe of McQueen et al. 10 and were investigated by means of $\mu SR.^{11}$ In contrast to the earlier study of Ref. 10 they also show a similar magnetic behavior as the samples prepared by our method (see Fig. 3b and d). In particular they also show magnetic order upon applying pressure. A simple explanation of this discrepancy could be that magnetism was overseen. Low temperature $(T = 4.2 \,\mathrm{K})$ Mössbauer spectra were taken only at few pressures: At ambient pressure no magnetic order in agreement with the μSR experiments was seen, and at $p = 14.4 \,\mathrm{GPa}$ and 19.7 GPa no magnetic hyperfine splitting in the Mössbauer spectra was observed.

In Fig. 5c $B_{\rm int}(0)$ vs. $T_{\rm N}$ is plotted, indicating that the magnetic moment is increasing with increasing $T_{\rm N}$. This points to a more robust magnetic order with increasing pressure. When the magnetic order is fully established (above $p=1.2\,{\rm GPa}$; the magnetic volume fraction reaches 100%) $T_{\rm c}$ starts to increase again (Fig. 2a) simultaneously with $T_{\rm N}$ up to $T_{\rm N}\approx 60\,{\rm K}$ and $T_{\rm c}\approx 16\,{\rm K}$ at the highest investigated pressure in this study. It seems that both order parameters are stabilized at high pressures: (i) Both $T_{\rm c}$ and $T_{\rm N}$ increase with increasing pressure, (ii) the magnetic and superconducting volume fractions stay $100\,\%$ even below $T_{\rm c}$ to the highest investigated pressure, and (iii) the internal magnetic field $B_{\rm int}(0)$ increases with increasing pressure for all samples studied.

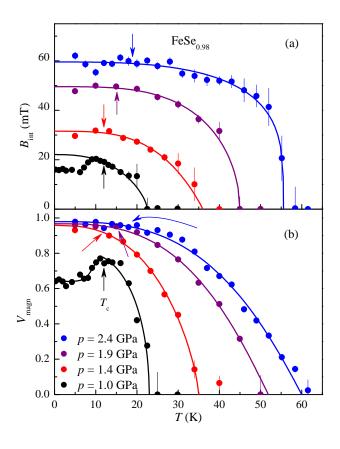


FIG. 4: (color online) Temperature dependence of (a) the internal magnetic field at the muon stopping site $B_{\rm int}$ and of (b) the magnetic volume fraction for ${\rm FeSe}_{1-x}$ for various pressures. Both parameters are obtained directly from the fit of Eq. (1) to the data. The solid lines in (a) correspond to fits of $B_{\rm int}(T)$ in the region $T_{\rm c} \geq T \geq T_{\rm N}$ to Eq. (4). For details see text. The solid lines in (b) are a guide to the eyes. The arrows indicate the superconducting transition temperature $T_{\rm c}$.

V. MUON STOPPING SITE AND MAGNETIC MOMENT

Up to now it is not clear what kind of magnetic structure develops in $\operatorname{FeSe}_{1-x}$ under pressure. Calculations of the muon stopping sites at different pressures were performed and combined with a symmetry analysis to check for possible different magnetic structures.

The space group symmetry of $\operatorname{FeSe}_{1-x}$ at low temperatures is Cmma with Fe in the 4a-position (1/4,0,0) and Se in the 4g-position (0,1/4,z) (see for instance Ref. 17). Here the symmetry of the $\operatorname{FeSe}_{1-x}$ layers exactly resembles the symmetry of the FeAs-layers in the LaFeAsO compound with the same Cmma space group which remains unchanged in $\operatorname{FeSe}_{1-x}$ up to a pressure $p \approx 9$ GPa.

In order to evaluate possible muon sites the modified Thomas Fermi approach¹⁸ and available structural data were used.⁴ This method allows to determine directly the self consistent distribution of the valent electron density

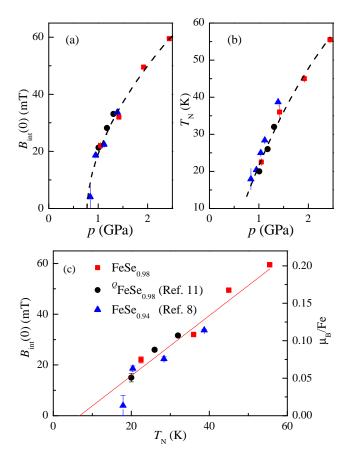


FIG. 5: (color online) (a) Pressure dependence of the internal magnetic field at the muon stopping site $B_{\rm int}(0)$. (b) Pressure dependence of the magnetic ordering temperature $T_{\rm N}$. The dotted lines in (a) and (b) are guides to the eye. The dependence of $B_{\rm int}$ on $T_{\rm N}$ is shown (c). See text for details on sample notation.

from which the electrostatic potential is obtained. Local interstitial minima of this potential serve as stopping sites for muons. The applicability of this approach was verified by comparing the numerical results with the experimentally determined muon sites in $R{\rm FeO_3}^{19}~(R={\rm rare~earth})$ and by a successful interpretation of $\mu{\rm SR}$ spectra of the complex magnetic structures in layered cobaltites $R{\rm BaCo_2O_{5.5}}^{20}$ and Fe-pnictides $R{\rm FeAsO.}^{21}$

Only one possible muon stopping site is observed. It is located on the line connecting the Se - Se ions along the c-direction with the coordinates (0,1/4,z) and has the 4g local point symmetry (mm2) i.e. the same as the Se ions. The position of the muon sites in the crystallographic cell is shown in Fig. 6. Note that the crystallographic unit cell differs from the primitive cell which is built by primitive translations $a_1 = (a/2, b/2, 0) = (\tau_x, \tau_y, 0)$, $a_2 = (-a/2, b/2, 0) = (-\tau_x, \tau_y, 0)$, and $a_3 = (0, 0, c) = (0, 0, 2\tau_z)$.

As seen in Table I, application of pressure leads to a general increase of the distance of the calculated muon

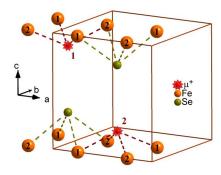


FIG. 6: (color online) The crystallographic unit cell of FeSe_{1-x} in the Cmma setting. The enumeration of the Fe atoms and the muon positions is shown.

TABLE I: The pressure dependence of the calculated muon position and Fe-Se-Fe bond angles α_a (along the a-direction) and α_b (along the b-direction). The crystallographic data are from Refs. 4 and 17.

p (GPa)	T (K)	Fe-Se-Fe b	z-coordinate of 4g muon site	
		α_a	α_b	
0^a	7	67.781	67.551	0.84
0.25^{b}	16	67.920	68.086	0.84
4.0^{b}	16	67.688	68.216	0.83
9.0^{b}	16	67.097	67.532	0.81

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stopping sites to the iron ab-plane, whereas the angles of the Fe-Se-Fe bonds α_a (along the a-direction) and α_b (along the b-direction) are almost identical at ambient pressure. However, at higher pressures they tend to differ.

The stronger reduction of the c-axis compared to the a- and b-axis leads to an increase of the Fe-Se-Fe bond angle that can be interpreted as a tendency to antiferromagnetic exchange in accordance with the semi empirical Goodenough Kanamori rules. $^{22-24}$ Note that already small variations of the Fe-As-Fe bond angles along a-and b-axes in the RFeAsO compounds lead to a drastic change of the magnetic exchange sign from antiferromagnetic (positive) along a-axis to ferromagnetic (negative). 25 However, opposite to the RFeAsO the b-axis remains in FeSe_{1-x} larger than the a-axis for all pressures. Due to this similarity one can suppose the occurrence of a ferromagnetic type of order along the a-axis and an antiferromagnetic one along the b-axis in FeSe_{1-x} under pressure. The minimal model which could account

for this feature should include a doubling of the primitive cell along the b-axis with magnetic propagation vectors either $K_I = (0, \pi/\tau_y, \pi/2\tau_z)$ or $K_{II} = (0, \pi/\tau_y, 0)$. Additionally, more simple possible magnetic vectors such as $K_0 = (0, 0, 0)$ and $K_{III} = (0, 0, \pi/2\tau_z)$ are considered.

The calculations of the symmetry analysis and the magnitude and symmetry of the dipole fields of the Fe subsystem at the muon are more rigorously discussed in the Appendix. Application of pressure leads to an increase of the magnetic field at the muon stopping site as observed in the experiments (see Fig. 5) only for the K_I and K_{II} translation symmetries. For the K_0 and K_{III} translation symmetries application of pressure would lead to a decrease of the magnetic field. This behavior can be explained as the result of a competition between a general constraint of the lattice constants and a simultaneous shifting of the muon positions further away from the Fe ab-plane. As a result from this feature and the above mentioned similarity to the RFeAsO family it may be concluded that only the K_I and K_{II} translation symmetries are possible symmetries of the magnetic structures for $FeSe_{1-x}$ under pressure. Comparing both possible magnetic structures K_I and K_{II} (shown in Fig. 7) with the experimental data presented in Fig. 5 leads to magnetic fields along the z-coordinate of $B_z(K_I) = 354.6 \cdot m_y(K_I)$ and $B_z(K_{II}) = 334.3 \cdot m_y(K_{II})$, respectively. Here m_i are the iron magnetic order parameters (see Eq. (5). This corresponds to a Fe magnetic moment $\mu \approx 0.2\mu_B$ for both magnetic structures. However, the very modest shift of the muon position in the region 0.25 - 4 GPa calculated here, cannot explain the giant increase (four times) of the internal magnetic field $B_{\rm int}$ with an increase of the pressure from 1 GPa to 2.4 GPa. Therefore, all these changes are connected with a pressure induced increase of the iron magnetic moment. The right scale of Fig. 5c shows the estimated value of the magnetic moment using dipole-dipole calculations for 4 GPa.

VI. NEUTRON DIFFRACTION

Neutron diffraction experiments were performed on the Cold Neutron Powder Diffractometer DMC at SINQ (PSI) at a pressure of $p=4.4(5)\,\mathrm{GPa}$ in a Paris-Edinburgh press²⁶ in order to investigate the proposed magnetic structures of FeSe_{1-x} on polycristalline samples of $40\,\mathrm{mm}^3$ effective volume in the beam. The pressure was determined by the known pressure dependence of the c-axis of FeSe_{1-x} . The experiments were performed at temperatures of $5\,\mathrm{K}$ and $150\,\mathrm{K}$ using neutrons with a wavelength of $\lambda=2.4575\,\mathrm{\mathring{A}}$. The FULLPROF program was applied to analyze and to model the diffraction data.²⁷

The diffraction patterns measured at $T=5\,\mathrm{K}$ and $150\,\mathrm{K}$ were normalized to each other, and then subtracted from each other in order to obtain evidence of possible magnetic Bragg peak. However, no difference peak was

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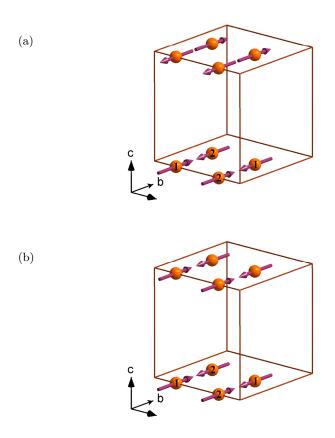
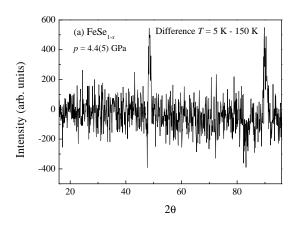


FIG. 7: (color online) Possible magnetic structures of FeSe_{1-x} under pressure: (a) $m_y(K_I)$ -type and (b) $m_y(K_{II})$ -type. m_i are the the iron magnetic order parameters (see Eq. (5).

observed, except at the positions of the nuclear peaks (see Fig. 8a). The different intensities of the nuclear peaks at the investigated temperatures result from the temperature dependent Debye-Waller factors. There are two possible explanations that no magnetic Bragg peaks were observed with neutrons in contrast to μ SR which shows static magnetism: (i) the magnetic moment is too small, resulting in an intensity of the magnetic diffraction peak that is hidden below the background of the sample and the pressure cell, or (ii) the magnetic order is static, but no long range order occurs (muons are sensitive only over a few unit cells).

However, because oscillations are seen in the μ SR time spectra (see Fig. 3) the magnetic order is long range, thus leading to the conclusion that static magnetic order occurs below $T_{\rm N}$. The muon stopping site calculations have shown that the magnetic moment is quite small ($\approx 0.2\mu_B/{\rm Fe}$ at $p=2.4\,{\rm GPa}$). A linear extrapolation of the moment with pressure would lead to a moment of $\approx 0.35\mu_B$ at $p=4.4\,{\rm GPa}$. Therefore, we analyzed the neutron data using a theoretical model considering the two proposed magnetic structures K_I and K_{II} . For both structures the magnetic peaks are hidden in the background. The simulated diffraction patterns for the stru-



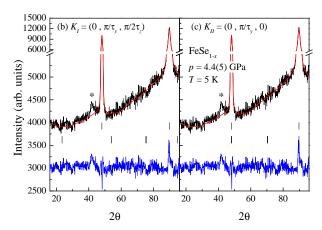


FIG. 8: (color online) (a) Difference of the neutron diffraction spectra of $\operatorname{FeSe}_{1-x}$ taken at $T=5\,\mathrm{K}$ and 150 K. Only noise is seen, except at the position of the nuclear peaks due to different Debye-Waller factors. Simulations of the magnetic structures (b) $m_y(K_I)$ -type and (c) $m_y(K_{II})$ -type to the measured neutron diffraction spectra at $T=5\,\mathrm{K}$ for a moment of $0.5\,\mu_\mathrm{B}$ per iron atom. The possible magnetic diffraction peaks are hidden in the background signal for all magnetic structures proposed. The peak in (b) and (c) indicated with * is a temperature independent feature of the pressure cell.

tures with the magnetic vector K_I and K_{II} are shown in Fig. 8b and c. The largest possible magnetic moment, that is not seen due to the high background of the pressure cell is estimated to $\approx 0.5-0.7\,\mu_{\rm B}$ per iron atom (dependent on the magnetic structure). The simulations of the estimated structures are in agreement with the muon stopping site calculations that show a very low magnetic moment per Fe atom.

VII. PHASE DIAGRAM

Figure 9 summarizes the results obtained in this study in a phase diagram. At low pressures below $p \leq 0.8\,\mathrm{GPa}$ the samples are superconducting only and show an increase of T_c from $\sim 8\,\mathrm{K}$ at ambient pressure to $\sim 13\,\mathrm{K}$

at $\simeq 0.8\,\mathrm{GPa}$. At higher pressures static magnetic order is established below $T_{\rm N} > T_{\rm c}$ that first competes and coexists with superconductivity, and at higher pressure $(p \gtrsim 1.2 \, \text{GPa})$ it only coexists with superconductivity. In the intermediate pressure range $(0.8 \le p \le 1.2 \,\mathrm{PGa})$ the competition is evident from two observations: (i) as a function of pressure T_c is suppressed as soon as mangetic order appears, leading to the local maximum of T_c at $p \simeq 0.8 \,\mathrm{GPa}$. However, the superconducting volume fraction remains to be 100%. (ii) the magnetic order, that is established above T_c is parially (or even fully)⁸ suppressed by the onset of superconductivity. This is seen by a decrease of the internal magnetic field $B_{\rm int}(0)$ and a decrease of the magnetic volume fraction when the samples enter the superconducting state (see Fig. 4 and Ref. 8). For $p \gtrsim 1.2\,\mathrm{GPa}$ magnetism is fully established, and both $T_{\rm N}$ and the magnetic moment increase with increaing pressure. Interestingly, the onset of magnetic order and the simultaneous rapid increase of the Fe magnetic moment coincide with a drastic change of the Se height above the Fe plane that starts also at $\sim 1 \, \text{GPa.}^{4,28}$

The appearance of antiferromagnetic order has also been seen by NMR measurements. An increase of $1/TT_1$ close to T_c is observed at low pressures (p = 0) and 0.7 GPa) indicating antiferromagnetic modes of spin fluctuations that are strongly enhanced towards T_c . This leads to the conclusion that $FeSe_{1-x}$ is in close proximity to a magnetic instability. At higher pressures (at 1.4 GPa and 2.2 GPa, i.e. where μ SR observes static magnetic ordering) the $1/TT_1$ data reveal a broad hump significantly above $T_{\rm c}$. Furthermore, the integrated intensity of the NMR signal begins to decrease at about 34 K at 1.4 GPa and at about 50 K at 2.2 GPa, in excellent agreement with the μ SR data. The disappearance of the NMR signal below a peak of $1/TT_1$ is a characteristic signal for a magnetic phase transition with a (nearly) static magnetic hyperfine field with a broad distribution.⁷

Keeping in mind that the superconducting volume fraction is $\simeq 100\%$ for all pressures measured and that the magnetic volume fraction reaches $\simeq 100\%$ at $p \gtrsim 1.2$ GPa indicates that both ground states coexist in the whole sample volume. The data do not show any signature for macroscopic phase separation into superconducting and magnetic regions larger than a few nanometers, as observed e.g. in $Ba_{1-x}K_xFe_2As_2^{29}$ or $LaFeAsO_{1-x}F_x^{30}$. No sublattice is present which could order magnetically, while the superconducting FeAs layers are not magnetically ordered, as e.g. observed in Ce1111 or Sm1111.^{21,31} These observations point rather to an atomic scale coexistence of the order parameters as it is seen e.g. in $\text{FeTe}_{1-x}\text{Se}_x^{32}$ or $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x)_2\text{As}_2.^{33}$ Furthermore, it seems that the two ground states stabilize each other with pressure as T_c , T_N , and $B_{int}(0)$ are increasing in parallel with increasing pressure. Comparing FeSe_{1-x} with the newly discovered $RFe_{2-x}Se_2$ (245) system in which superconductivity and magnetism coexist rises the question, whether magnetic order in $FeSe_{1-x}$ under pressure is of similar origin as the one in the 245 system.^{34,35} In

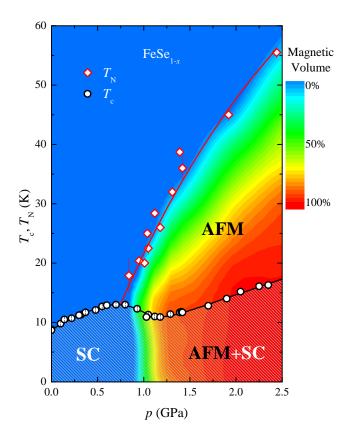


FIG. 9: (color online) Pressure dependence of the superconducting transition temperature T_c , the magnetic ordering temperature T_N , and the superconducting and magnetic volume fractions of FeSe_{1-x} . The superconducting volume is 100% for all pressures investigated, determined from ac susceptibility and muon spin rotation experiments of FeSe_{1-x} . The data obtained in this study are plotted together with the data from Refs. 8 and 11. The T_c and T_N lines are guides to the eye and SC, M, and PM denote the superconducting, magnetic and nonmagnetic states of the samples, respectively.

the latter system the superconducting transition temperatures reaches $T_{\rm c} \simeq 32\,{\rm K}$ and superconductivity seems to coexists with magnetism occuring at $T_{\rm N} \approx 500\,{\rm K}$ with a rather large magnetic moment of $3\mu_B$ per Fe atom.³⁶

Knowing that $\operatorname{FeSe}_{1-x}$ is a two gap superconductor^{5,37} a possible scenario of an atomic scale coexistence of superconductivity and magnetism has recently been proposed by Vorontsov *et al.*^{38–40} and Cvetkovic and Tesanovic.⁴¹ They proposed a region in which superconductivity and magnetic order can coexist. Here, the magnetic order can be commensurate only in a rather small parameter range where the Fermi surface nesting is not perfect. The bands are supposed to have an elliptical shape, and the chemical potential is supposed to shift.

VIII. CONCLUSIONS

The pressure dependence of the superconducting and magnetic properties of $FeSe_{1-x}$ were studied by means of ac and dc magnetization, as well as zero field μ SR techniques. It is shown that independent on the preparation procedure the samples are bulk superconductors up to a pressure of $p \simeq 2.4 \, \text{GPa}$. The superconducting transition temperature $T_{\rm c}$ increases with increasing pressure. However, the increase is non linear: $T_{\rm c}$ exhibits a local maximum at 0.8 GPa and a local minimum at 1.2 GPa. At pressures higher than $\simeq 0.8$ GPa static magnetic ordering occurs below the Néel temperature $T_{\rm N} > T > T_{\rm c}$. In an intermediate pressure range where T_c is decreasing $(0.8 \le p \le 1.2 \,\text{GPa})$ the magnetic order is incommensurate and competes with superconductivity.⁸ Only at $p \gtrsim 1.2$ GPa when magnetic order is fully established, the magnetic order is commensurate and magnetism occupies the full sample volume, coexisting with superconductivity on an atomic length scale. Muon stopping site calculations reveal only one stopping site of the muons along the Se - Se connection and a small pressure dependent magnetic moment with a value of $\sim 0.2 \mu_B$ at $p \sim 2.4$ GPa is found. A recent Mössbauer study reported no magnetic order in $FeSe_{1-x}$. However, the samples were prepared in a slightly different way. Following carefully the preparation procedure used in the Mössbauer study and investigating these samples by means of μSR , clear evidence of magnetic order in the system is observed, 11 in contrast to the Mössbauer results.³

Different magnetic structures based on the muon stopping site calculations and a symmetry anlaysis are proposed and tested. The neutron diffraction measurements did not reveal any magnetic Bragg reflections because the magnetic moment seems to be too small. Thus, only speculations about the magnetic structure are possible. It is most probably very similar to the magnetic structure of the LaFeAsO family of Fe-based superconductors, since the FeSe_{1-x} layers resemble the FeAs layers in the R1111 system.

Both superconductivity and magnetism are stabilized by pressure. This is evident from the simultaneous increase of $T_{\rm c}$, $T_{\rm N}$, and $B_{\rm int}(0)$ and the related magnetic moment μ with increasing pressure. It remains to be seen whether this peculiar behavior influences or even helps to clarify the pairing mechanism in the Fe-based superconductors.

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A. Magnitude and symmetry of dipole fields from Fe subsystems at the muon site

The symmetry analysis was done assuming that the overall distribution of the magnetic fields in the magnetic unit cell has the same symmetry as the magnetic order parameter. In order to find the orientation of the magnetic field at the muon site, an artifacial magnetic moment is ascribed to this site. The corresponding set of magnetic degrees of freedom forms the magnetic representation for some positions (Wyckoff positions). The magnetic representation is transferred into an irreducible representation τ_i after making a standard decomposition. After that it is possible to analyze the possible symmetry of the mangetic moment (i.e. staggered magnetic fields) at the muon site.

The magnetic order parameters consist of Fourier components of respective magnetic propagation vectors K_l of the α sublattice magnetic moments $m_i^{(\alpha)}(K_l)$ ($\alpha = 1, 2$):

$$m_{i}(K_{l}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(m_{i}^{(1)}(K_{l}) + m_{i}^{(2)}(K_{l}) \right);$$

$$l_{i}(K_{l}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(m_{i}^{(1)}(K_{l}) - m_{i}^{(2)}(K_{l}) \right); \quad l = 0, I, II, III.$$
(5)

The nonzero components of respective magnetic moments at the muons sites have the form:

$$M_{i}(K_{l}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(B_{i}^{(1)}(K_{l}) + B_{i}^{(2)}(K_{l}) \right);$$

$$L_{i}(K_{l}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(B_{i}^{(1)}(K_{l}) - B_{i}^{(2)}(K_{l}) \right); \quad l = 0, I, II, III.$$
(6)

Here $B_i^{(\alpha)}(K_l)$ is the *i*-cartesian component of a magnetic field at the muon site α ($\alpha = 1, 2$) with K_l type symmetry.

In Table II the result of the symmetry analysis is presented. Here, the enumeration of the irreproducible representations τ_i is given in accordance with the Kovalev notation. It shows the symmetry of the iron magnetic order parameter m_i and l_i , and the corresponding magnetic fields at the muon sites M_i and L_i for the four magnetic propagation vectors K_l . Due to the high local symmetry of the muon sites some directions of the iron magnetic structure cannot create a magnetic field at the muon sites. Thus, the observation of μ SR signals (oscillations in the μ SR time spectra, see Fig. 3) at high pressures in FeSe_{1-x} evidences that the magnetic structure has a certain direction and a certain arrangement of exchange interactions (i.e. different type of exchange order).

TABLE II: Symmetry of iron magnetic order parameters (m_i and l_i that are a linear combination of the sublattice moments, see Eq. (5)), and the corresponding magnetic fields at the muon sites (M_i and L_i , see Eq. (6)) in FeSe_{1-x} for the four possible propagation vectors of magnetic ordering K_l (l = 0, I, II, III). The enumeration of the irreproducable representations (IR) τ_i is given in accordance with the Kovalev notation.

	$K_0 = (0, 0, 0)$		$K_I = (0, \pi/\tau_y, \pi/2\tau_z)$		$K_{II} = (0, \pi/\tau_y, 0)$		$K_{III} = (0, 0, \pi/2\tau_z)$	
IR	Fe-order	fields at μ^+	Fe-order	fields at μ^+	Fe-order	fields at μ^+	Fe-order	fields at μ^+
111	parameters	site	parameters	site	parameters	site	parameters	site
$ au_1$	_	_	m_x	=	m_x	=	_	-
$ au_2$	-	L_z	l_x	M_z	l_x	L_z	_	M_z
τ_3	m_x	M_x		L_x		M_x	m_x	L_x
$ au_4$	l_x	L_y		M_y		L_y	m_x	M_y
$ au_5$	m_y	M_y	m_z	L_y	m_z	M_y	l_x	L_y
τ_6	l_y	L_x	l_z	M_x	l_z	L_x	m_y	M_x
τ_7	m_z	M_z	m_y	L_z	m_y	M_z	l_y	L_z
$ au_8$	l_z		l_y		l_y		l_z	

The analysis of the magnitude and the symmetry of the dipole fields for the possible propagation vectors of magnetic ordering K_l (l = 0, I, II, III) at the muon site of the Fe subsystems in FeSe_{1-x} leads to the results obtained in Eqs. (7) and (8). There the magnetic fields are given in mT, and the basis functions (m and l) in the units of μ_B .

For 4 GPa the following results were obtained:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
B_{x}(K_{I}) \\
B_{y}(K_{I}) \\
B_{z}(K_{I})
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 354.6 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
m_{x}(K_{I}) \\
m_{y}(K_{I}) \\
m_{z}(K_{I})
\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & -351.1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
-351.1 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
l_{x}(K_{I}) \\
l_{y}(K_{I}) \\
l_{z}(K_{I})
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
B_{x}(K_{II}) \\
B_{y}(K_{II}) \\
B_{z}(K_{II})
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -334.3 \\
0 & -334.3 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
m_{x}(K_{II}) \\
m_{y}(K_{II}) \\
m_{z}(K_{II})
\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 331.3 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
331.3 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
l_{x}(K_{II}) \\
l_{y}(K_{II}) \\
l_{z}(K_{II})
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
B_{x}(K_{0}) \\
B_{y}(K_{0}) \\
B_{z}(K_{0})
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
106.2 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 111.0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 439.7
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
m_{x}(K_{0}) \\
m_{y}(K_{0}) \\
m_{z}(K_{0})
\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
0 & -479.9 & 0 \\
-479.9 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
l_{x}(K_{0}) \\
l_{y}(K_{0}) \\
l_{z}(K_{0})
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
B_{x}(K_{III}) \\
B_{y}(K_{III}) \\
B_{z}(K_{III})
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
-217.0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -222.7 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 439.7
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
m_{x}(K_{III}) \\
m_{y}(K_{III}) \\
m_{z}(K_{III})
\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 476.1 & 0 \\
476.1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
l_{x}(K_{III}) \\
l_{y}(K_{III}) \\
l_{z}(K_{III})
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$(7)$$

For 9 GPa the following results were obtained:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
B_{x}(K_{I}) \\
B_{y}(K_{I}) \\
B_{z}(K_{I})
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 374.7 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
m_{x}(K_{I}) \\
m_{y}(K_{I}) \\
m_{z}(K_{I})
\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & -371.5 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
-371.5 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
l_{x}(K_{I}) \\
l_{y}(K_{I}) \\
l_{z}(K_{I})
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
B_{x}(K_{II}) \\
B_{y}(K_{II}) \\
B_{z}(K_{II})
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -348.1 \\
0 & -348.1 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
m_{x}(K_{II}) \\
m_{y}(K_{II}) \\
m_{z}(K_{II})
\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 345.4 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
345.4 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
l_{x}(K_{II}) \\
l_{y}(K_{II}) \\
l_{z}(K_{II})
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
B_{x}(K_{0}) \\
B_{y}(K_{0}) \\
B_{z}(K_{0})
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
82.1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 86.6 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -168.7
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
m_{x}(K_{0}) \\
m_{y}(K_{0}) \\
m_{z}(K_{0})
\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
0 & -456.2 & 0 \\
-456.2 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
l_{x}(K_{0}) \\
l_{y}(K_{0}) \\
l_{z}(K_{0})
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
B_{x}(K_{III}) \\
B_{y}(K_{III}) \\
B_{z}(K_{III})
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
-200.6 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -205.2 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 405.8
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
m_{x}(K_{III}) \\
m_{y}(K_{III}) \\
m_{z}(K_{III})
\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 450.8 & 0 \\
450.8 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
l_{x}(K_{III}) \\
l_{y}(K_{III}) \\
l_{z}(K_{III})
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$(8)$$

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